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**PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT AWARDS \$931
THOUSAND IN CLEAN AIR GRANTS**

Auburn, Calif., April 23, 2012 -- The Placer County Air Pollution Control District today announced that it is awarding \$931,000 in 2012 Clean Air Grant funds to 10 projects that will reduce air pollution in Placer County.

“The Clean Air Grant program directly supports our primary goal of improving Placer County’s air quality,” said Tom Christofk, Placer County Air Pollution Control Officer. “It’s important that we support proactive approaches to reduce harmful emissions in the County. By funding the approved grant projects this year, an estimated 30 tons of criteria pollutant emissions will be reduced within the county over the next several years.”

In all, the District received 19 project applications seeking more than \$2.7 million in grant funding.

The 2012 grant awards were approved by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors at its April 12, 2012, Board Meeting. All but one of the projects that received funding this year are projects that will be replacing older higher polluting off-road equipment with equipment that has top-of-the-line clean burning engines. The other project that received funding is a Placer County Transportation Agency program designed to help to reduce traffic congestion caused by accidents or downed vehicles on Interstate 80 and State Route 65 in the Roseville-Rocklin area.

The Clean Air Grant program is an annual program that has been implemented since 2001. It is designed to reduce criteria air pollutants primarily from mobile sources which are not already regulated by air quality laws. Over the past decade, a total of \$13.5 million in funds has been awarded through the grant program and an estimated 950 tons of criteria pollutant emissions have been reduced within the County.

The next Clean Air Grant application solicitation period is expected to open up again in January of 2013 and run for two months. Go to www.placer.ca.gov/apcd during this time for more information.

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2012 Clean Air Grant Awardees

Applicant	Project Title	Recommended Funding
ERL	Off-Road Equipment Replacement	\$32,842
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John Hofman	Ag Tractor Replacement	\$193,812
KP Martin	Off-Road Equipment Replacement	\$62,000
PCTPA	Freeway Service Patrol	\$41,000
Robinson Sand & Gravel	Off-Road Equipment Replacement	\$175,494
SPI	Forklift Replacement	\$95,186
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West-Con Construction	Off-Road Equipment Replacement	\$46,000
William Hofman	Ag Tractor Replacement	\$193,812